(*Interruptions*). They are Talibanising education and you are supporting it. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Sir, you give a ruling ...*(Interruptions)*...it should not become a precedent. *(Interruptions)*.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (DR. MANMOHAN SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I think what is happening in the House is most unfortunate. Shri Arjun Singh is one of our senior-most Members. He rose to speak; he had not completed even one sentence when Shri Chaturvedi interrupted him. I think it is not an acceptable behaviour on the part of any hon. Member. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: The word 'Taliban' was used in an abusive way.(*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: All the Talibans and are sitting in those benches. (*Interruptions)*

SHRI T. N. CHATURVEDI: I only said, 'put your question as (a) part and (b) part.' (*Interruptions)* I did not interrupt. (*Interruptions).*

SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: You tried to interrupt. (*Interruptions)*

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: We are not going to accept that (*Interruptions).*

SHRI T. N. CHATURVEDI: ...because somebody said that there are two questions. (*Interruptions).* So, I said, 'put your questions as (a) and (b),' (*Interruptions).*

SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: We want a ruling from the Chair, (*Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Recruitment norms for Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya teachers

*83. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

(a) the recruitment norms being followed in selection of teachers for Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas, including holding of written test, indicating details of such tests held during the last three years; and

(b) how the standardisation of results of various universities is practiced for rationality as well as to screen out the product of fake universitites?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have introduced in 1999 and 2000 respectively, a written test followed by interview for making recruitment to ensure greater degree of objectivity, transparency, uniformity in standards and selections of teachers as well as to bring rationalization of selection on the basis of proven merit as assessed on uniform criteria.

(b) Since a written test of eligible candidates is being conducted, the requirement of standardisation of results of various Universities is not there. Fake Universities are screened on the basis of the list of names of such Universities provided by the University Grants Commission.

Nutrition Fund

*84. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for creation of a Nutrition Fund;

(b) if so, what is the allocation for the Fund and how much has been spent so far in different States;

(c) who is the target end user of this Fund; and

(d) in what form this is going to reach the target user?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, Government of India introduced a new programme from 2000-01, called Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). Under its nutrition component, additional central assistance is provided to States/Union Territories to provide complete nutritional requirements to BPL (below poverty line) children in 0—3 year age group. In 2000-01, Rs. 353.87 crore was released to States/Union Territories. In